

## EWELL FAILED TO APPLY CARD RULES TO GAME OF LIFE

Slain Turfman, Whist Expert, Had Career of "Chance," But Played Pasteboards More Loosely, Carelessly.

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(Written for International News Service.)

NEW YORK, June 28.—(AP)—There are many who have turned to the game of life as a means of making money, and some have succeeded. But the game of life is not a game of chance, as many believe. It is a game of skill, and the player must know the rules and play accordingly.

The foregoing excerpt from "Ewell on Advanced Bridge," published in 1911, might be the present content of Joseph Boone Ewell, were he alive, upon the discussion of his own murder.

Ewell's whole life was a game of chance. His books, written by his wife, as she says, were compiled by her from her husband's knowledge of the game that was then at the height of its fashionable vogue.

The main facts of Ewell's life are generally well known. Everyone is interested in the murder mystery. It is still as great a mystery as the day the gambler was slain.

Readers of newspapers have read that Ewell was made by his ambitious wife, Helen Leroy Ewell, they will remember that he later deserted his wife and child, and that the remainder of his life was a game of card playing and affairs with women.

**Lacked Philosophy.**  
Ewell knew how to play bridge. He knew how to play life.

Mrs. Ewell was his guide in his earlier years of success. He followed her lead in his life of card playing and in his life of card playing.

How can he be told whether a lead will force the strong hand or give it a discard? How can he count on the dealer's? How can he make correct and plays without knowing the position of the cards?

No weak hand was permitted by Mrs. Ewell to "ruin" the gambler's suit. He counted on her hand and she showed him the position of all the cards in the Newport game where her acquaintances helped Ewell to fortune.

Later the gambler tired of her superiority, she says, and severely criticized her—flaunted his conquests before acquaintances and humiliated her.

But here's what the book says: "Think, too, how your partner must feel when marked with a card of yours. It is a disgrace to your partner, and it is a disgrace to your partner."

"It is a maxim in bridge that the weaker hand should always consider itself subordinate to the stronger, ready to sacrifice the high card holding so that it will be a gain to the partner in the end."

Perhaps Ewell looked upon his wife and later his son as the "weaker hand," that should be subordinated to his ultimate gain.

"After a hand has been played it may be discussed to the common benefit, but the best way to win is by blowing up his partner to show his superior knowledge, together with the player who interrupts the game, to focus the play, should be ostracized from the card room. Superiority of skill is shown by the play of the cards, not by arguments."

Joe Ewell not only "showed up" his wife, but one fine day quit the game. He is believed to have thought he could do better without encouragement. She laid out a trap in his path when he started to leave.

"How selfishly and at what cost partners will decline to withdraw because of too high a card. Too long they cling to their cards and their pride, only to see the great army of lost tricks obtain fresh recruits because they would not could not read what their partners were vainly trying to publish before them."

**Progress Was Swift.**  
Progress was swift in the gambler's life. Huge sums were won and lost on card tables and races.

He never boasted of his conquests among women or at cards and was humbler at home than at cards.

"In the study of any game the foundation of success must be a thorough acquaintance with the principles of play. This once attained, future progress becomes rapid and sure."

"It is a mistake to think that a player will make more with a hand than a poor one, consequently a greater risk may be taken by a player who thinks he is a 'hot' hand than by a player who is a 'cold' hand."

Ewell was pretty sure, of himself after he left his wife and child and without a partner. He had told her that after their divorce should be chloroformed.

He seemed to think he did not need a partner for anything. He was alone with the strains of his life.

A card of cards was a marked man. He was a marked man. He was a marked man.

"This is a card of cards. It is a card of cards. It is a card of cards."

The game was the thing, thought he, well, no matter who won or lost.

Your goal is the game, not the money. The game is the thing, not the money.

Head men of the game, that is, might have a different point of view. It is a game of cards, not a game of money.

"The difference in the deal is enormous. It is a game of cards, not a game of money. It is a game of cards, not a game of money."

Keep a Cool Head.  
Ewell kept a cool head, although he was a gambler. He was a gambler.

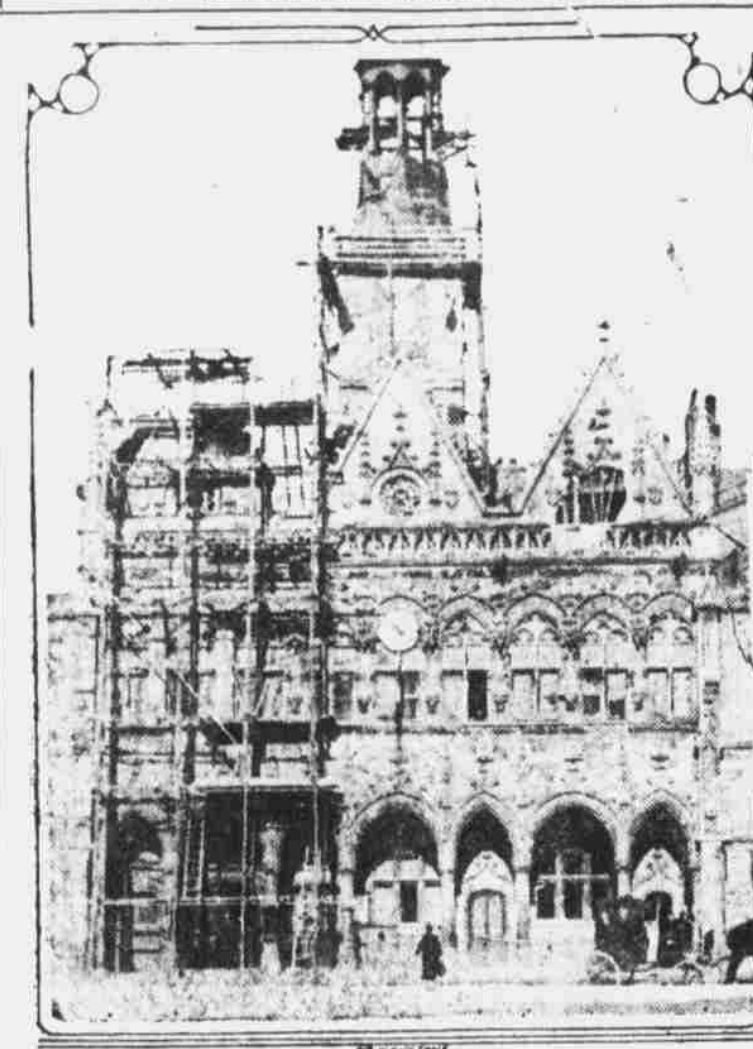
When players have largely grasped the fundamental principles of the game, they frequently find that the game is a game of cards, not a game of money.

"Effort to be exerted under all circumstances. Ewell is a gambler. He is a gambler. He is a gambler."

Never forget that a cool head is most valuable essential and try just as far as possible to keep all possibilities in play, avoid all weaknesses and correct all personal peculiarities.

Was there a loss? A woman that ranked Ewell? Did he die in his dying moments?

## FRANCE IS NOW BUSY BINDING UP WOUNDS RECEIVED IN WAR



Ever since the armistice France has been busy rebuilding her ruined cities, towns and villages. Today some of the smaller towns are completely rebuilt. Photo shows repairs in progress on the beautiful town hall at St. Quentin, which was badly injured.

moments remember some one woman he could not win.

Maybe not, for Ewell, true gambler, did not look back or allow remorse to make a commission of his crime. He was a gambler, and he was a gambler.

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## BRYAN PROPOSES PLANK ON H. C. L.

Offers Platform Declaration for State Commissions to Prevent Profiteering.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—State commissions, similar to the federal trade commission, to prevent profiteering are a feature of a plan on profiteering proposed by William J. Bryan. It reads:

The Democratic party pledges the nation to rid it of the profiteer and to close the door against the return. It will endeavor to eliminate all unnecessary middlemen as are necessary to the production of goods.

To this end it will demand legislation subjecting to the penalties of the criminal law all corporate officers and employees who give or carry out instructions that result in extortion; it will make it unlawful for any one engaged in interstate commerce to make the sale of one article dependent upon the purchase of another article, and it will require each corporation to disclose to customers the difference between cost price and selling price or limit the profit that can be legally charged as the rate of interest is now limited. It will also endeavor to create in the several states trade commissions with powers as ample as those of the federal trade commission and to enact laws authorizing such local community to create as needed, similar commissions for the investigation of local charges of profiteering.

The clause to punish profiteering by corporation officers, Mr. Bryan said, is designed to meet court decisions preventing prison sentences being imposed on corporation officers.

Another plan dealing with the treaty of Versailles and the league of nations is to be made public tomorrow by Mr. Bryan.

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